
Spirit Messenger

Bloomfield & Drakesville
United Methodist Church

March 2026



LENT

We are currently in a very special season as Christians. The forty days (not including Sundays) from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday is known as Lent. This is a time of reflection, devotion, and re-focus for many Christians around the world. We are called to examine our lives, reflect on things we try to avoid, and draw personally closer to God through Jesus.

It all builds to a special week that is reserved for remembering the real-life ministry and sacrifice of Jesus. It is a week so important to our faith that it is named Holy Week. Here we mark that with special services. It begins with Palm Sunday, where we wave palms and celebrate the triumphant entry of Jesus. Later in the week, we have Maundy Thursday, a service of the Last Supper. This service is focused on the sacrament of Holy Communion and marks its sacred origin. The following day is Good Friday worship. This service focuses on the full sacrifice of Jesus and his burial in the tomb. Each and both of these encounters have remained in our tradition for centuries. They may take different forms and formats over the years, but the focus and purpose are unchanged.

Then comes Easter Sunday!!

Wait, did you know EVERY Sunday is supposed to be Easter Sunday? Not kidding in the slightest. Remember how I mentioned that Lent does not include Sundays in the 40 days of its duration? That is why. In our faith, we celebrate the Risen Christ and our everlasting life as His disciples that Easter gives us each and all!

Every. Single. Sunday.

That is the hope and purpose I know that I have each week. As a matter of fact, I truly pray that someday we all realize that every week can be Holy Week too. That we grow so close to Jesus as disciples that we observe communion with each other everywhere we can and share of the sacrifice with everyone we can.

Not just for a season, a week, a few services, or on a "special" day. I pray that we might live every day as Lent calls us to. That we might seek less of ourselves and more for our neighbors. That we might "do the most good" every opportunity we have. That we might live fully knowing that the best of it is, God is with us!

Blessings!

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DRAKESVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
IS HOSTING
COURTNEY BALL FROM MATTHEW 25
Cedar Rapids, IA
For a Spring Forward Message
And Special Music
March 22 9:00 a.m. service
Fellowship & refreshments following
Community is invited

Matthew 25
Growing Strong Neighborhoods

BLOOMFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MARCH MENU

03-04
LASAGNA
GRALIC BREAD & GREEN BEANS

03-11
VEGETABLE BEEF SOUP
CRACKERS AND CORNBREAD

03-18
TATOR TOT CASSEROLE
SALAD, BREAD & BUTTER

03-25
SUPER NACHOS
CHILLI CHEESE & CORN

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
5:00 PM – 6:00PM

401 E NORTH ST
BLOOMFIELD, IA

BLOOMFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

10:30AM SUNDAYS	CHILDREN'S CHURCH
6 PM MONDAYS	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
5PM WEDNESDAYS	COMMUNITY SUPPER
6PM THURSDAYS	CHOIR PRACTICE
6PM THURSDAYS	"WE ARE NOT SAINTS" AA MEETING
7PM THURSDAYS	PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE
8AM SATURDAYS	MEN'S COFFEE
9AM - 11AM SATURDAYS	DIAPER DEPOT

Food Bank & DIAPER DEPOT

Current Needs

Mac & Cheese	Baby Wipes
Mac & Cheese Cups	Laundry Detergent
Canned Beans	Body Wash
Canned Mandarin Oranges	Conditioner
Syrup	Dish Soap
Tooth Paste	Tissues

PLANNING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER!

Thank you for taking the Church Assessment Tool (CAT) assessment; if you haven't taken the assessment yet, there is still time! The assessment is open through Sunday, March 8th. The CAT is an online instrument that will help leaders gauge the strength, vitality, and trends in our church. The information gained from this assessment will be valuable in helping the leaders of Bloomfield and Drakesville United Methodist Churches as they make decisions about the future of our churches. The assessment is available online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/boomfielddrakesville>

If you need a paper copy, please come to the office, and we will provide one for you. (Paper copies need to be returned by Sunday, March 8th.) All answers are strictly anonymous. We have no way of matching any assessment to a particular person, so please feel free to candidly share your perceptions, opinions, and experiences. Our future together is dependent on your participation and honest answers.

If you have questions, please contact Bruce Jones, Pat Perry, Dianne Park, or Natalie Bolin.

Many thanks,

The local CAT Coordination team: Bruce Jones, Pat Perry, Dianne Park, and Natalie Bolin

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

From the 1985 Bloomfield United Methodist Church Cookbook, "*Harvest of Recipes*"

<i>Quick Peach Cobbler</i>	<i>Denise Janssen</i>
3 C fresh Peaches	½ tsp. salt
1 T Lemon Juice	1 Egg (beaten)
1 C flour	6 T. melted margarine
1 C sugar	

Place sliced peaches in an 8x8-in baking dish. Sprinkle with lemon juice. Sift dry ingredients, then add egg. Mix until crumbly. Sprinkle over peaches. Pour melted margarine over crumb mixture. Bake at 375°F for 35-40 minutes till crusty & brown. Serve warm.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Tucker Bowersox 03/7

Jessica Wortmann 03/17

If you would like your Birthday Celebrated in our Newsletter, please contact the BUMC office.



OFFICE HOURS REMINDER

If the Davis County Community School District cancels school due to weather or illness, our office hours will be worked remotely.

Bloomfield United Methodist Church

CHURCH SERVICES

Drakesville – 9:00 AM

Bloomfield - 10:30 AM

OFFICE HOURS

TUESDAY-FRIDAY

9am-3pm

* On canceled and no school days office hours are worked remotely*

CONTACT INFORMATION

Text: 641-242-3174

Call: 641-664-3206

Email: bumc@netins.net or

BloomfieldUnitedMethodist@gmail.com

IF YOU NEED IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE

Call/Text Pastor Thom: 515-779-5707

BUMC Remote office hours on 03/06, 03/12, 03/13, 04/10

BUMC Office Closed 04/03, 04/06

**March - April
BUMC Worship Volunteers**

Date	Usher/Greeter	Fellowship	Communion
03/01/26	Schroeders	Becky Shively & Lynn Whitacre	Schroeders
03/08/26	Sam & Becky Ford	Gloria & Yvonne	x
03/15/26	Marisela & Eduardo	Stan & Diana McClure	x
03/22/26			x
03/29/26	Stan & Becky Shively	Andy & Brandy Summers	x
04/05/26 Easter		Alma & Andrea	
04/12/26			x
04/19/26			x

* We have several dates to fill. If you are available, please call or email the office!

**If you are unable to help on the date listed, please contact the office ASAP

**March - May
Diaper Depot & Food Pantry Volunteers**

03/07	Brenda & Mike Johnson	04/11	
03/14	Julie Griffin & Dianne Park	04/18	
03/21	Andy & Brandy Summers	04/25	
03/28	Michelle & Olivia	05/02	
04/04	Brenda & Mike Johnson	05/09	Brenda & Mike Johnson

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Methodist Church**

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401 E North Street
Bloomfield, IA 52537

Call-641-664-3206

Text-641-242-3174

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Worship
10:30 am

Spirit Messenger

Bloomfield & Drakesville
United Methodist Parish

**Drakesville United
Methodist Church**

PO Box 114
210 N Madison Street
Drakesville, IA 52552

641-722-3210

Drakesvilleumc22@gmail.com

Worship
9:00 am

March

BUMC Website DUMC, Holidays in United States							Mar 2026 (Central Time - Chicago)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am - DUMC Worship 10:30am - BUMC Worship	2 7pm - Women's Bible Study	3	4 9am - UWF Meeting 5pm - Community Meal	5 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Choir Practice 7pm - Praise Team Practice	6 Remote Office Hours	7 8am - Coffee with the Guys 9am - Diaper Depot	8 Daylight Saving Time starts 9am - DUMC Worship 10:30am - BUMC Worship	9 7pm - Women's Bible Study	10	11 9am - United Women in Faith 5pm - Community Meal 6pm - Finance Committee	12 Remote Office Hours 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Choir Practice 7pm - Praise Team Practice	13 Remote Office Hours	14 8am - Coffee with the Guys 9am - Diaper Depot 9am - United Methodist Men in
15 9am - DUMC Worship 10:30am - BUMC Worship	16 Remote Office Hours 7pm - Women's Bible Study	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 5pm - Community Meal 6:30pm - AD Board	19 9am - Caring Creations 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - No Choir Practice 7pm - Praise Team Practice	20	21 8am - Coffee with the Guys 9am - Diaper Depot	22 9am - Matthew 25 10:30am - BUMC Worship	23 7pm - Women's Bible Study	24	25 5pm - Community Meal 6pm - One Board Meeting	26 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - No Choir Practice 7pm - Praise Team Practice	27	28 8am - Coffee with the Guys 9am - Diaper Depot
29 9am - DUMC Worship 10:30am - BUMC Worship	30 7pm - Women's Bible Study	31	1	2	3	4							

April

BUMC Website DUMC Holidays in United States							Apr 2026 (Central Time - Chicago)	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
29	30	31	1 9am - UWF Meeting 5pm - Community Meal	2 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Choir Practice 7pm - Praise Team Practice	3 Office Closed	4 8am - Coffee with the Guys 9am - Diaper Depot		
5 Easter Sunday 9am - DUMC Worship 10:30am - BUMC Worship	6 Easter Monday Office Closed 7pm - Women's Bible Study	7	8 9am - United Women in Faith 5pm - Community Meal 6pm - Finance Committee	9 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Choir Practice 7pm - Praise Team Practice	10 Remote Office Hours	11 8am - Coffee with the Guys 9am - Diaper Depot 9am - United Methodist Men in		
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